

SENATE BILL 2078

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-414 and Section 49-7-155, relative to early postsecondary credit courses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-414, is amended by adding the following language as subsection (c):

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(1) Any LEA partnering with an institution of higher education to provide early postsecondary credit courses must first offer the partnership opportunity to a state community college or a Tennessee college of applied technology (TCAT), as listed in § 49-8-101(3)(A), serving the county in which the LEA is located. If no state community college or TCAT serving the county in which the LEA is located is able to provide the LEA's desired course in a reasonable timeframe, as determined by the LEA, then the LEA shall offer the opportunity to provide the course to other state community colleges and TCATs. The LEA may only offer the opportunity to provide a desired course to a public university or a private institution of higher education after the LEA has determined that no state community college or TCAT can provide the desired course in a reasonable timeframe.

(2) Nothing in subdivision (c)(1) shall affect partnerships between LEAs and institutions of higher education in effect before the effective date of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to partnerships between LEAs and institutions of higher education occurring on or after that date.